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Nine Years Ago 3700 -- Now Over 9000 in Oakland Stake

"Nine years ago Oakland Stake was organized. That was in 1937, and we were 3700 in number," began Pres. W. Glenn Harmon in the June Stake Conference. He gave further historical data.

Hayward was made into a Ward in that year, and Richmond Ward first used their new Chapel, while Pittsburgh was then made into an independent branch.

In 1938 Maxwell Park Sunday School was organized, and on Easter Sunday of 1938 Melvin Ballard of the Twelve delivered a public Easter address in Dimond Park at services that also heard the Mormon Male Chorus.

In 1939 Napa Branch was organized. In this year, also, the World War II began.

In 1940 our population had risen from 3700 in 1937 to 4621, and our sister stake in San Francisco had grown to 3120. In this

year Maxwell Park Ward was organized.

In 1941 our Stake Messenger suspended operations until more propitious times. In 1941, also, a Stake Pilgrimage to Mesa Temple took place.

In 1942 Clyde W. Lindsay moved to Stockton and Delbert F. Wright was selected to take his place as second Counsellor in the Stake Presidency. Also in 1942 the Pattons and the Southgates began their famous open house and Sunday programs for L. D. S. service men and women.

1943 saw the church purchase its latest Temple site in the east Oakland hills at the head of Coolidge Street.

1944 was marked by the organization of East Richmond Ward, and the erection of a recreation hall and class room wing of the projected Vallejo Ward Chapel. In 1944 also the commanding site for

our Oakland Stake Tabernacle was purchased on MacArthur Blvd. and Van Buren Street, near Lakeside Park. Also was held this year the Tenth Anniversary celebration of our original San Francisco Stake, which then included all the East Bay area. Our Oakland Stake population had risen to 7500 in 1944.

In 1945 President Grant died, and in that year peace concluded World War II.

And finally 1946 sees Oakland Stake's membership risen to over 9000 and become a Stake the largest in the church, excepting alone Sugar House Stake with its 9300 members.

"And yet our growth is just beginning," declared President Harmon. "The question to ask each to ourselves is, 'has there been an individual and inner growth equal to the physical growth of our flourishing Oakland Stake?'"

Message of the Stake Presidency

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Parental Responsibility

In a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph in November 1831, at Hyrum, Ohio, the following injunction was given; (D-C 68:25-28)

"25. And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ, the son of the Living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.

"26. For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or any of her stakes which are organized.

"27. And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of hands.

"28. And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord."

These requirements of parents holding membership in the Church have never been changed or modified, and are binding upon us as much today as when first given. You will find nothing in this revelation, or any other, which permits our children to struggle along through adolescence without the aid and guidance of the gift of the Holy Ghost, which is bestowed only following baptism. From this scripture we know for a surety the error of the philosophy which prompts parents to wait until children are older before having them baptized.

What is teaching our children to walk uprightly before God? It involves imparting to them the importance of spiritual things, to have a true appreciation of spiritual values. The world about them places such a false face on material things that as parents we owe our children a true conception of brotherly love and charity, the need and value of clean minds and healthy bodies.

It includes teaching our boys and girls to take their places in society. No greater service can a parent render than to teach his children that idlers can claim no reward, but that each must do his part. This might be well illustrated by referring to Solomon's admonition, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise".

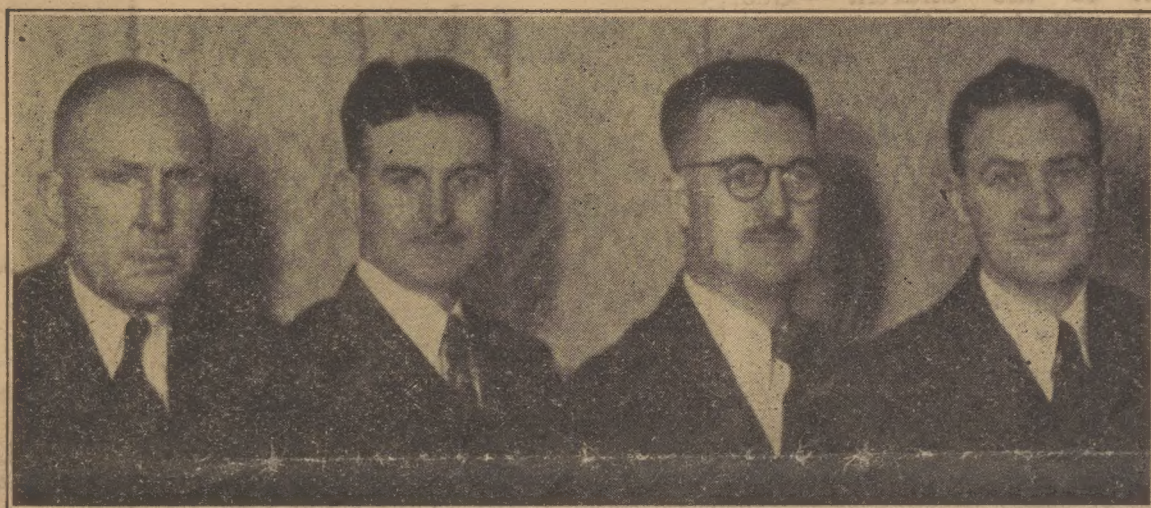
Above all, let us teach our children self mastery. One's own selfish whims, if constantly served, will establish habits that are bound to cause friction when youth must take its place in an adult world. Shakespeare had this in mind, when he wrote, "To thine own self be true, and it follows as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man".

And finally, we are to teach our children to pray. A prerequisite to the realization of the need of prayer is a belief in God. There is a world of difference between praying, as Christ taught, to "our Father who art in heaven" and a prayer addressed to some unknown "cosmic energy" or "universal great cause". But your child, if you teach him properly, can go before his Maker, the one and living God, in prayer, with full knowledge that He lives and deals with man. The Doc. & Cov., Section 10, says, "Pray always, that you may come off conqueror, yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan that do uphold his work". Further, we should inculcate that spirit of prayer which says, "if it be thy will", as given in 3 Nephi 18:20, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing that you shall receive, behold it shall be given you".

THE STAKE PRESIDENCY.

ORIGINAL OAKLAND STAKE PRESIDENCY

The first Oakland Stake Presidency, 1937, and stake clerk were, left to right, J. Edward Johnson, 1st Counsellor; W. Aird Macdonald, President; Eugene Hilton, 2nd Counsellor; Hugh P. Anderson (now living in San Diego), stake clerk.



GREAT THOUGHTS

by Marion G. Romney

Stake Conference, June 30, 1946

UNIQUE PRIESTHOOD GOVERNMENT

Priesthood government differs from any other government. It is not a democracy. People do not have the nominating power, nor a say in all legislative action.

Thus God took out of His church politics.

What a lot of hard feelings is thus eliminated, such as we see in political conventions.

People didn't select Joseph Smith to be President. God nominated Joseph Smith, and the people of the church sustained him.

Mexicans Got Off the Track

Some Mexican L. D. S. got together some years ago and selected a leader who was a Mexican. They felt they must assert their rights to a native leader. Thus they became apostate. That breach has just now been healed, during Pres-

ident George Albert Smith's visit among them.

The Power to Release

The power to release an officer resides with the Presiding authorities in Church, Stake or Ward. The main body of the members do not have the right to vote on release. Usually they are asked for a vote of appreciation. This is not a vote to release.

The Priesthood government is a theocracy, a kingdom, the kingdom of God.

Elder Romney Quoted from D & C 65:5,6

"Call upon the Lord, that His kingdom may go forth upon the earth, that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come in which the Son of Man shall come down in Heaven, clothed in the brightness of his glory, to meet the Kingdom of God, which is set up on the earth.

"Wherefore, may the Kingdom (Continued on Page 4)

"Peoples Feelings Expressed in Great Buildings"

From earliest times people have found expression for their deeper feelings in great structures, said Delbert F. Wright at the Conference. It was so with the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans, as well as in the case of Solomon's temple. As early as 1833 the L. D. S., though few in number, began the beautiful Kirtland Temple, and again in Nauvoo, although increasingly threatened by their enemies, the Saints put their all to raise the Nauvoo Temple, towering over the wide Mississippi.

"People are never more humble, obedient, and happy than when building their church edifices," continued Elder Wright. "Supporting the erection of church buildings is not a burden but a blessing."

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Thirty Thousand Destitute L.D.S. In Europe

Report By Marion G. Romney, Assistant Manager Church Welfare Program

During the late war many church members came to feel that since everyone was earning and doing well, the Church Welfare Program was not necessary. But the Authorities said we should go forward gathering, producing and storing food and clothing.

Then the war ended. We soon found that 30,000 of our members in Europe were destitute: 10,000 in England, Sweden and Switzerland were better off than the rest; 7,000 were in Norway, Finland,

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SAITH THE LORD GOD

"Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye from your evil ways."—Ezekiel 11:23. Quoted at Stake Conference by President Wright.

The Kingdom of God for a Dime?

"Can we purchase the Kingdom of God with a dime?" asked President Hilton at the June Stake Conference. "No", he answered, "We must be tested whether we will obey the laws of exaltation under all trying conditions unto the end."

1 Million to 3 Billion

"Have we kept up with the great progress of the Oakland Stake?" asked W. Aird MacDonald at the Conference. "Remember we are only one million L.D.S. to teach three billion people on our earth!"

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Ninety-nine years ago, on July 24, 1847, President Young and the honored band of 143 Utah Pioneers began to make homes in the Great Salt Lake Valley. The fame of this inspired colonizer, preacher, church leader, and statesman has now risen high above the smoky fog of slander and ridicule of a bygone day. Today none deny him a mead of praise. His name is linked with the noble ones of America. The history of the world may be searched in vain for one so humble and yet so great, and so universally acclaimed as a courageous and constructive leader of men.

On the shelves of the monumental library of the University of California rests the renowned "American Encyclope-

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"Behold, I will send my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me; and the Lord whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come to his temple,"
Mal. 3:1.

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hereafter by the members of
the wards of the Oakland Stake
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seen, in each member's budget
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Jesus Christ of Latter-day
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subscription to The Messenger
of the Oakland Stake of Zion."

WELCOME NEW HIGH COUNCIL

At the June, 1945 Stake Con-
ference, John P. Nielsen was set
apart as a new member of the
High Council. At the March, 1946
Conference two other members of
the High Council were set apart,
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Quorum and Ward Welfare Projects

President Eugene Hilton intro-
duced Mr. and Mrs. McBride, Store
House and Welfare Center custo-
dians at the Conference Welfare
Meeting, who immediately issued
open invitations to the Bishproprics
and to all members to visit and
utilize the Center. "Oakland Stake
has always met its welfare allot-
ments, year by year," said Presi-
dent Hilton. The second Quorum
of Elders has recently weeded and
cleared the grounds, while the
3rd Quorum has washed the walls
in the kitchen at the Center.

The Quorums and Wards are
now busy on the following wel-
fare projects:

- 1st Quorum of Elders—tooth
powder.
- 2nd Quorum of Elders—sale of
office supplies.
- 4th Quorum of Elders—kinder-
garten furniture.
- 6th Quorum of Elders—hobby
horse building.
- 8th Quorum of Elders—manu-
facturing cement blocks.
- 10th Quorum of Elders—corn
growing and canning.

Elmhurst Ward—garden at the
Welfare Center.

Hayward Ward—prune growing
and processing.

Martinez Ward—beef.

Pittsburg Ward—beets.

Saints to Store Two Years Food
"Let every individual family
keep its larder stored with two
year's supplies. Thus the prophets
have warned,"—W. Aird Macdon-
ald, Regional Director.

The World is Tense

"The world is tense — on the
verge of doom, it is felt," declared
President Eugene Hilton at the
Stake Conference. "We have the
choice of feeling we are part of
the doom, or are moving towards
light and truth.

"Bikini Atoll test is going on
upon this very day, but we have in
hand a movement, a power, the
Priesthood of the Son of God,
greater than any other force in the
world.

"As we view the wreck of Ger-
many and Italy we are led to ask,
What price slavery!"

We Are All Purchasers

"We are all purchasers, on the
one hand or on the other. The
Savior was a purchaser. He pur-
chased the Church with his blood.
Can we purchase the Kingdom of
God with a dime? No. We must
be tested whether we will obey the
laws of exaltation. There is a
law, irrevocably set, upon which
all blessings are predicated."

Church Welfare Program To Save Souls Rather Than to Fill Stomachs

Elder Marion G. Romney, As-
sistant to the Twelve, declared at
Oakland Stake June Conference
that while caring for the needy is
always the concern of the Church,
still the overall purpose of the
Church Welfare os to keep periods
of need and dependency from de-
stroying character, integrity, and
obedience to the Gospel, honesty
and industry, and, when special
needs strike anyone, to rally a
Godly spirit of family unity behind
and around the ones in distress at
the time. Some popular panaceas
and philosophies of the day seem
plausible and inviting but they
tend to discourage thrift, frugal-
ity an industry, and in the end
they even rob the beneficiaries of
their God-given independence.

"We are fighting against false
philosophies in the Welfare Pro-
gram. Ours is God's way for the
economic and spiritual salvation of
the Church. Every L. D. S. is in-
dustrious and puts his hope in his
fellow saints and not in the plans
of man," concluded Elder Romney.

PRAY WHEN AFRAID

"Do you folks have family
prayers before breakfast?"
"No we have prayers before we
go to bed. We ain't afraid in the
daytime!"—Chaplain.

Interesting Ideas at Stake Conference SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1946

by Marion G. Romney

"Remember the worth of souls is
great in the sight of God; for, be-
hold, the Lord your Redeemer, suf-
fered death in the flesh—that all
men might repent and come unto
him . . .

"Wherefore, you are called to
cry repentance unto this people.

"And if . . . you should labor
all your days in crying repentance
unti this people, and bring save
it be one soul unto me, how great
shall be your joy with him in the
kingdom of my Father!"

D & C Sec. 18. Quoted by Paul
Summerhays.

"Man is spirit as well as body.
Men and women need to worship
together on the Sabbath and par-
take of the emblems of the Lord's
last supper. The Sacrament meet-
ing is the most important of all
meetings."—Allen K. Davidson,
Priest, Elmhurst Ward.

"The common people of the
Church are made the final rulers
of the Church through their ul-
timate right to accept and sustain
or to reject the authorities pro-
posed for their votes . . . To sus-
tain means to approve and to up-
hold and to assist by our labors,
our means, our prayers . . . Our
Church should mean as much to us
as members as it does to the Presi-
dent of the Church."—George
Hughes, Berkeley Ward.

UTAH FAMILY OPENS BUSINESS HERE

The Berkeley Gazette recently
contained an interesting write-up
regarding Don C. Wood and fam-
ily of Claremont Ward.

"Refining of used oil is new
Berkeley business.

"One of Berkeley's newest en-
terprises today is the East Bay Re-
finoil Co., which specializes in re-
fining and marketing used oil. Lo-
cated at 2255 San Pablo Avenue,
it has been established by Don C.
Wood, Berkeley life insurance rep-
resentative, as a move to help his
four sons get started in business,
and also to provide them with col-
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Vallejo Ward News

Under the direction and supervi-
sion of Dr. Emery R. Ranker and
Bishop Henry Neerings, the plan-
ning and gathering of funds for
the Stake Tabernacle and further
improvements and additions to the
Vallejo Ward Chapel are progres-
sing rapidly. The building com-
mittee has worked exceptionally
well and a class room wing con-
sisting of the baptism fount, Boy
Scout room and additional class
rooms is planned for the near fu-
ture. The building of the well for
beautification of our grounds has
gone along very well, being drilled
to the depth of 100 feet, with wa-
ter 75 feet deep.

Theral and Dorothy Nielsen are
enjoying life in Austin, Texas,
where Theral is going to school.
Von Nielsen hopes to be home
by September.

Camille Rodriquo was given a
well deserved ovation by all who
attended her recital with the Val-
lejo Choral Society.

Congratulations to the Wells
Shurtleff family on the arrival of
a baby girl.

"Indian Love Call," presented
at our MIA closing party, was
quite unique. Scenery and effects
carried all back to the time and
glory of the red man.

Max and Lorraine Stevenson
journeyed to Salt Lake City to be
married in the Temple.

Our Relief Society has given
outstanding luncheons for the Par-
ent-Teacher Association and those
attending the Walter G. Bollerander
Scout Training program.

Bishop E. Z. Taylor was pre-
sented with charters for Scout
troops 19 and 219. These charters
were presented to the troops at the
charter meeting Friday, June 14.

Santa Rosa Branch can well be
proud of the minstrel show pre-
sented at our Ward June 8th.

Sacramento meeting, June 16th,
was dedicated to fathers with
songs and talks by our Singing
Mothers.

Napa Ward MIA presented
its music festival at Vallejo Ward
and our MIA took its musical tal-
ents to Napa.

We were grieved to learn of the
death of Bro. William D. Hayward
at the hands of two assassins who
robbed his small store.

Our Ward is endeavoring to get
together with Napa, Martinez and
several other Wards for our July
24th celebration. If not, we will
go to Green Valley for picnicking,

baseball, dancing and other social
events.

Brother and Sister Tittensor
just returned from a vacation trip
to Ogden, Utah.

Brother and Sister Alfred
Knight have been vacationing in
Utah and Idaho.

The Relief Society will have
their closing picnic at Green Val-
ley.

George Walser will be honored
at a farewell party Friday, July 12
before he leaves on a second mis-
sion to the Northern States.

James Nielsen has arrived at his
New England mission and is dili-
gently laboring to bring the truth
to all he meets.

Vallejo Ward news was omitted
from the June Messenger by mis-
take. Apologies to Leland Knight.

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Sunday, July 7, 1946, at Berkeley Chapel, witnessed a most touching and lovely episode: Esther Shelton Ericksen, wife of Berkeley N. Ericksen, and Patricia Hamilton Ericksen, wife of Preston N. Ericksen, were confirmed by Alma D. Ericksen, former bishop, and the father of the two young men. Assisting in the confirmation were his two sons and son-in-law, Sidney F. Feller.

The occasion was unique in that all members of the family were present (the two sons and son-in-law having returned from the service), Bishop and Sister Ericksen, Berkeley, his wife and little son, Kurt; Alma Deane and her husband, Sidney Feller; Preston and his wife, Patricia, and Danna. It was the first time that they had all been privileged to be present at church at the same time.

Bishop Ericksen in expressing his appreciation and joy for the occasion and of the confirmation of his two daughters-in-law added the following inspirational comment on the conversion of his father and mother to the church:

"Close to 100 years ago there was a little urchin wandering around the street one evening in a little town in Denmark. As he passed by a cottage he heard music in an upper story. It appealed to him. He stopped and listened. He edged his way up the stairway. Two Mormon missionaries were holding services. He liked it and returned again and again and finally joined the church. Later in life, after serving as a local missionary he started for America. He was shipwrecked and was in a lifeboat for several days. He was finally rescued and completed the journey to America. He was one of the handcart company that made its way to Utah. He subsequently filled several missions. This was my father.

"About the same time there was a beautiful young girl also living in a small town in Denmark. She also joined the church and became a very devout member. She was 36 years of age before arrangements could be made for her emigration. She turned down proposed marriages in order that she might come to America to raise her children in America and in this Church. She was my mother. God bless their memory."



Dimond Genealogy Library

Wm. H. Evans recently purchased in New York 42 family genealogical histories for the Dimond Genealogical Library, to be used by the people of the Oakland Stake. That brings up to 250 the number of such volumes in Dimond Ward, accumulated in the last four years by the Dimond Genealogical Committee, John Kest and Anson Perkins, counselors to Wm. H. Evans, and Mrs. Clyde Russell, instructor.

This Dimond Genealogical Library will be turned over to the Stake Genealogical Library when the Stake Tabernacle is completed. It is open to all at present. Donations of genealogical material and cash contributions are invited. Present value runs not far from a thousand dollars.

Pacific Art Exhibit

Sponsored by the Oakland Stake Special Finance Committee, and set for October, 1946, the Pacific Art Exhibit is announced by Chairman William H. Evans. Invitations are being sent out to western artists everywhere to contact the Committee for plans to exhibit their works. It is hoped to make this art show one long to be remembered, and to see it become a means of placing in the homes of the saints and of their friends the masterpieces that are currently being produced by the gifted one with brush and easel.

All interested may contact any of the committee as follows: Von T. Ellsworth, Dr. Emory Ranker, Elmer Clark, J. Ed Johnson, Manson Moody, Tom Pine, William H. Evans, chairman, and Delbert E. Wright, representing the Stake Presidency. Here is an opportunity for our artists in the west, in and out of the Church, to bring to the attention of the people the products of their gifts. The Church has long encouraged creative work in music and drama, but has somewhat omitted, perhaps, the cultivation of the creative urge to express itself in color on the canvas and in other media. It is hoped that this may be the beginning of progress in art exhibits which encourage the artists to meet one another through their interesting displays and friendly rivalry, and which elevate the tastes of the beholders, who may also arrange for purchases as they may feel interested. The committee is to be congratulated for their work.

Walnut Creek News

The senior class spent an afternoon and evening of softball, swimming, eating and dancing at Marsh Creek June 8th. The highlight of the evening was the birthday cake celebration of Norma Amtoft, cake and candles. This up and coming senior class also held an old-fashioned dance July 3rd, Mrs. J. Brown of Claremont, formerly of Walnut Creek, instructed in some of the dances.

Georgia Williams and son spent three weeks in St. Louis visiting her son James of the Air Corps there.

The J. M. Osborns recently attended a family reunion in Salt Lake, and a trip through Yellowstone.

One of our junior classes recently enjoyed a trip to Funland and Fleischshaker Zoo, alternately feeding the animals, riding the concessions, and wading in the surf.

Walnut Creek Branch will soon gladly welcome Staff Sergeant Tom Hansen, who is scheduled to return July 15 from 11 months in the Philippines.

Maxine Enes of Springville Utah has been the guest of Norma Amtoft of Lafayette.

Mrs. M. Turloupis and daughter Vera, after spending some time with Mrs. Tom Hansen and Mrs. Alex Jarvis of Walnut Creek, are now the guests of relatives in the East Bay.

Tracy-Stockton News

by Marie Lindsay

TRACY

Charles R. Dana of Tracy, Sacramento Stake High Councillor, is to undergo an operation at Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, July 24. All pray for his welfare. Albert Crandall and wife have just returned from an interesting trip that took them to a Western Farm Bureau Convention in Yellowstone Park, Idaho Falls Temple, Torrington, Wyoming, Denver, and Salt Lake City.

Walter Lindsay drove to Salt Lake for the 4th of July weekend. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kay Lindsay and three boys are spending the summer at the Clyde Lindsay home in Tracy.

STOCKTON

Enthusiasm is shown for the Welfare Project to produce 400 bushels of potatoes. A large crop of tomatoes is also in growth. On July 12th, the big Sacramento Stake Relief Society picnic was held at Lodi Lake. A large group attended from Stockton.

The mission home in Salt Lake City will soon see two of our returned service men, Don Driggs, Golden Driggs' son, and Richard Ricks, son of Ezra Ricks.

The Rodney Pulley family is now on the way to complete recovery from the injuries suffered in a serious auto accident two months ago. Best of wishes to the Pulleys!

Work and "pot-luck" lunch day at Relief Society July 9th, saw a great deal of sewing accomplished by the thirty ladies present.

Oakland Ward News

Special speakers for Sacramento Meetings: July 21—High Councillor R. Kendall and Sister Marie Thomas. July 28—Jessie H. Nielsen from Idaho Falls Stake Presidency.

The Genealogical Class made a visit to the Library at Dimond Ward. The collection of English and other records is quite extensive. It is very inspiring to know that so much information is here in our own Stake for us to use. Let us all support this Library so that all will be benefited.

The Bee Hive Girls who graduated as Honor Bees are Earlene Gillmore, Sharlene Lindly, Margaret Toole, and Jean Ranker. One of the Bee Keepers, Miss Myrtle Snarr went to Salt Lake to receive her five-year pin. We honor her for her diligent service.

Plans for a super event are underway. Yes, indeed, it'll be a rip-roaring Pioneer Day celebration held at Mosswood Park on July 23rd at 6 p.m. There'll be games galore and juicy watermelons (free too). Put a lunch together, bring your friends along, dress in costumes, and join the fun!

Brief Biography of Marc Burrows, a member of our Bishopric:

Brother Burrows was born in Huntsville, Ogden Valley, Utah. He attended public schools in the valley where he was on a debating team, and also played on a semi-professional baseball team. After finishing grammar school, he entered the Weber High School where he was a member of the basketball team. His special talent, singing, gave him parts in all school operettas. He is now affiliated with the Oakland Orpheus Club. After graduating from high school, Marc fulfilled a mission in the Southern States. He later married Bernice Johnson of Ogden. He is now in the tire business with the Auto Battery & Tire Company in Oakland.

Each month a brief biography of a member of our ward will appear in this column, so watch for your name.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Trejo have sold their home in Mesa, Arizona, and are moving to Oakland where they will make their home.

Poor and Humble She Lived Great

Can you imagine—any of you—coming home from a journey and finding at the depot station to give you a rousing welcome some 25,000 of the citizens of your home town! That's a bit of a wild dream, you say. Well, yes, but listen, and then maybe it won't seem such a wild dream after all.

On June 13 at the homey Dimond chapel in this Stake there assembled a smallish group of the friends of the late Emma Alexander to pay the last tribute of respect to her beloved memory. Emma Alexander, an 82-year-old lady, who for years had been living on little else than a state pension, and who had been doing little else than giving an endless devotion and energy to gathering and having temple work done for her departed ones, a host of them.

In fact, at the time of her passing, Emma Alexander had amassed a total of 25,000 names, and had them all systematically arranged in ten large volumes. And up to the last, out of the pittance of her small monthly funds, she was sending to the temples the means for the work to be completed for even the last and the farthest generations of her ancestry. And she died in the thrill and the joy of having been spared until age 82 so that so much might be accomplished for her dear dead ones who had need of her vicarious help in their steps to salvation.

Now go back to that seemingly "wild" dream of being met upon your return home by some 25,000 citizens in a rousing welcome. Do you suppose it impossible that something like that happened to Emma Alexander on Monday, June 10, when she passed from earth to that eternal realm of paradise that is really more "real" than this seemingly very real world? Answer that one yourself, if you please.

Napa Ward News

Hyrum N. Pitcher continues to improve in health after a pleasant vacation in the Redwoods. He has been released from the Bishopric with an expression of appreciation for his long and faithful service as counselor to Bishop Murdock. His place has been filled by Kenneth Baxter, formerly in the Young Men's Mutual Superintendency, President Hilton being present. At this same meeting the matter of financing was given consideration and a committee headed by A. V. Taysom was appointed to carry on an energetic drive to complete Napa's quota for the Stake Tabernacle and to provide funds for the new chapel planned on the acreage now owned by the Ward.

Raymond Lewis replaces Vernon Meade in the Sunday School Superintendency. Vernon has gone to work in Oregon temporarily.

Fred Reeder now heads the Young Men's Mutual Association replacing Roy Stubbs. Troop 25 (Napa Ward Boy Scouts) acquitted themselves honorably at the recent Camporee held at Mt. Veeder, taking first place for proficiency in camp duties. While in camp the boys killed a rattlesnake with nine rattles.

Newcomers to our ward include David Jones and family from San Pedro; and the arrival of a baby girl, Mary Ann, to the Olive home. Baptismal services were held at Oak Lake Park on Sunday morning, July 7th; three members were added to our number including Loretta Whaley.

Charles Okerland and family are vacationing in Utah. Upon returning to Napa, Brother Okerland will carry on a welding and general repair business.

Mary Ann Murdock returned from a happy year at the B.Y.U., accompanied by her mother, who made the occasion a vacation visit in Ogden, Salt Lake and Provo.

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Berkeley Ward News

We are happy to welcome back three of our servicemen as civilians: Clark Hughes, who with his wife, Caroline, and baby Carol, have been visiting in New Mexico since his release from the service (Clark was a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army); Charles Hill, after years of Navy service (Charles was a Radar operator and radio technician); Reed Stone, released from the Navy V-12. While in a pre-medical program, Reed graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, was stationed at a base hospital in Norman, Oklahoma, and completed his first year in Medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans.

The Elders Quorum had their annual outing on Saturday, July 13th, at the Live Oak Park. There were games at 3:30 and dinner at 6:30.

Seven boys received their graduation certificates for work they have done in the Primary on Sunday, July 14th, at Sacramento meeting. Dick Baer, Steven Barrett, John Franz, Wesley Adell, Phil Eyring, and Marlo Anderson gave two and a half minute talks, while Tommy Stone gave a piano solo. These boys are now ready to be ordained Deacons and to go on to the Boy Scouts.

The Gamma Rho Chi girls have been very busy earning money for their trip to the Salt Lake City Temple this Fall. They had a very successful box lunch sale at the last Stake Conference, and on July 12th they gave a buffet style dinner at the Cummings home. Girls from the Club furnished musical entertainment which was followed by dancing.

Frank Laycock and Lenore Mayhew recently announced their engagement, and the date for the wedding as August 16th. Following the ceremony, which will be performed by President W. Glenn Harmon at the Mayhew home, they will leave for Salt Lake City where they will be married in the Temple.

Another couple from Berkeley Ward who were recently married are Donna Gold and David Moss. They just returned from Salt Lake City where they were married at Donna's home.

Pioneer celebration is set for July 27 at Marsh Creek for Berkeley, Claremont, E. Richmond, and Richmond Wards at 3 p. m. Baseball games and swimming, besides pony riding, a merry-go-round, and a miniature railroad are listed attractions. Pot-luck lunch is the day's order.

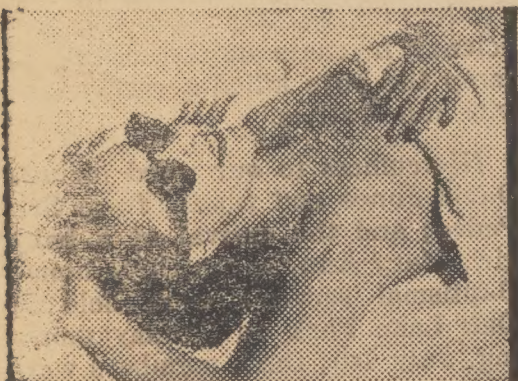
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Great Thoughts

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of God go forth, that the Kingdom of Heaven may come, that thou, O God, mayst be glorified in Heaven so on earth, that thine enemies may be subdued . . ."

Speakers May Waste Peoples Time

Alma and Ammon fasted and prayed much that they might have the Holy Ghost to abide with them as they preached to the wild and ferocious Lamanites.

One Can Get Spirit of God

We can make up our minds to get this Spirit of God. If you really want the Spirit of God you can get it. At times in Elder Romney's life it had seemed hard to pray in such a manner as to feel that God heard his prayers. He said he had gone through the motions of prayer. On three occasions in particular he had wanted the Spirit of the Lord very much, inasmuch as that he had fasted and prayed 24 hours a week for a year at a time to get in harmony with God. "Now I can bear testimony that God lives, and that prayers are heard and answered. But as President Hilton said, you can't get the Kingdom of God for a dime but you can get in without a dime. If we are awake and alive to the Holy Ghost we need not be afraid."

The Trouble With the United States

The trouble with the United States today is that the people

have rejected the Gospel. Read Section 133. The only thing that will solve their problems is to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Negligent L. D. S. Make the Heart Sick

The strength of the Church lies in the saints whose eyes are set on eternal life. Some, however, serve the Lord as long as they don't offend the devil. Only one third of the Church live up to the Church standards. These rejoice the heart. But to read the neglect of the two-thirds who do not so live gives one a sick feeling. We must all rededicate ourselves to God.

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What Do You Think?

What do you think your responsibility is as a quorum President to your quorum members?" asked Marion G. Romney, at Stake Conference Priesthood meeting Saturday, June 29, 1946. "It is:

- 1. To see that the quorum members are living the gospel.
- 2. To see that they understand the gospel.
- 3. To see that they all have the necessities of life."

"Brethren, hold regular presidency meetings. Go out among your quorum members—not once, but ten times a year: Then watch the figures of your quorum's activities rise, month by month.

Peoples Feelings

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ing, lending a hand in the erection of structures of worship, although we all are tempted to allow other things to take first place in our lives. The time never comes and never will come when the L. D. S. will not be faced with building problems."

Splendid Response in All Wards

"The Stake Presidency has now visited nine wards in the stake and presented the Tabernacle plans. Everywhere we can report splendid responses from the people of Oakland Stake," said Elder Wright.

Claremont Ward News

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN—August 27, 1946. It's Claremont's 5th birthday! All present members of the Ward and all who have at some time belonged to the Ward are expected to join in our celebration. Next month's Messenger will tell you the hour and place.

Claremont is "bustin' out all over". It became especially apparent last Sunday when four babies were blessed, that a larger chapel is going to be necessary.

Recent new arrivals are a little dark haired girl to the Dick Polls, and to the Lyle Fackerells a little girl that Lyle says looks like nothing he has ever seen before.

All Elders in the Ward are encouraged to visit their Priesthood Class. It is under the supervision of Bro. Elbert Gleason and the very able teacher, Dick Poll. One visit and you will become a steady member.

When the Relief Society of the Ward commences this coming year, it will be under the direction of the new President, Sister Pearl Meine. She has procured an excellent corp of assistants and teachers. Ladies, place this on your "must" list of things to do this year. Relief Society is for each of you!

Saturday night, July 13, in the Oakland Ward, a testimonial farewell party was held for Elmer Kern, who will leave shortly for the Swiss-Austrian Mission.

Dimond Ward News

A five-day Pioneer Day party at Arroya Viejo Park on 79th Ave. and Olive, will be held Saturday, July 20th. Come at 2:00 p. m., bring your own lunch and stay for the bonfire. Prizes will be given for the largest family attending; oldest man; oldest woman; tallest person; and the fattest man.

Marc Lauper and family will soon be back in Oakland to stay. He is to go back to his old job at Breuners.

The Prusses, YMMIA Superintendent, have had as visitors, Bill's brother, Ralph, who used to live here, and Elaine's sister Norma, who played two piano solos for us in church Sunday, July 7.

The Ward will miss two faithful members, Annie Parrish and Emma Alexander, who passed away June 9 and June 10 respectively. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

The 247 Quorum of Seventies have been painting and generally improving the stage in Dimond. We appreciate their hard work.

Roy Weindorf is the new teacher for the Senior Gospel Doctrine class. Bro. Clark has rendered splendid services.

The Sunshine Club, which presented the Comedy in our Ward recently, is not the one associated with the Relief Society, but is a social organization.

Ballif Evans, former missionary and recently discharged veteran, and Bette Tickner were married in her home on Friday, July 12, by President Delbert Wright.

The Y.M.M.I.A. is being reorganized. Bill Prusse is still Superintendent but will need new counselors. We thank Knute Torgerson and Howard Lund for their services.

The Senior Fireside is losing its leaders, Brother and Sister Lund, who have recently resigned. They have done excellent work which is appreciated by everyone.

Naomi Booth is the new Y. W. M. I. A. Superintendent and Ruth Swanson a counselor. Sisters Hall, Evans, and Fornoff deserve thanks for their past guidance.

It is nice to see all the young students home from the B. Y. Y. for summer vacation.

Brigham Young

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dia of Biography". In this scholarly set of books of the lives of the notable ones of America is found the life of Brigham Young, written by a Harvard professor of American history. In this extensive evaluation of the contribution to the nation by the founder of the great intermountain empire, the author closes with the statement that if he were asked to name the three greatest Americans he would be compelled to name Brigham Young as one of the three.

What have we then? Is it not George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Brigham Young, America's three greatest names?

All honor to the memory of the Utah Pioneers! They were despised and banished in their day, but in their simple, God-fearing way, they lived great, and today great is their acclaim. All honor to the memory of President Brigham Young!

"We Are Marching Into a Crisis"

In hushed tones Marion G. Romney declared at the Stake Welfare meeting, Saturday, June 29: "We are marching into a crisis the like of which the world has never seen since the Flood—and Zion is to show the way out of the chaos of the world."

With these impressive words the Assistant to the quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the Assistant Manager of the Church Welfare Program, closed a meeting of bishops and other welfare workers. Spoken in sincerity and with restrained emotions, but with a profound and moving conviction, these phrases cut their way into the hearts and minds of all who heard them like a searing iron. Their startling import will be felt in many hearts from now forward, dedicated to a real intent in greater welfare progress.

Other Key Welfare Points By Elder Romney

"If Ward Welfare Committee doesn't function, your ward welfare program will not work . . . hold weekly meetings.

"Soon the welfare load will be so heavy (the demand for aid) that we will scarcely be able to carry it.

"The bishop of the Ward is responsible for welfare production. He has two ways of getting this production:

- 1. The fast offerings—and much needs to be done on this.
- 2. The Ward welfare budget, and its projects which are to be fulfilled by the priesthood quorums and other ward organizations as called upon by the bishop.

"The Bishop's Council of the Stake's 14 Wards should hold regular meetings at the Store House, and see that it is adequately kept, equipped, and supplied." (Bishop I. Ray Darton, currently chairman of this Council, announced a Bishop's Council Meeting at 2 p. m., July 14, at The Store House.)

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Liahona Club News

The Liahona Club dinner was given by Alameda Ward for their building fund at the Park Blvd. Club House. Clinton Gilmore of Oakland Ward sang two solos, accompanied by Mr. Jones. Heber Ellsworth was the speaker and gave the Club an enlightening evening on Economic Fluctuations. The program was enjoyed immensely by the men. A. D. Erickson, chairman of the Service Men's committee, reports that many service men have sought advice through his committee on problems connected with entering business. It was proposed that the Liahona Club sponsor a Sea Scout Ship. This matter is at present being investigated. Anyone interested in the Sea Scout Program may contact Gene Hilton of Dimond Ward.

S.F. Stake News

Since its recent division, San Francisco Stake consists of four city Wards, Balboa, Mission, San Francisco and Sunset. The newly-appointed Stake leaders are J. Byron Barton, President, with Counsellors Serge Lauper and Thiel Collett. John Cummings is Stake Clerk with Robert Collins as his assistant.

President Barton has been active in a great variety of Church positions, once being Branch President in Washington, D. C., and later in both Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served four years in the Hawaiian Mission, part of this time as Manager of the Store on the Church-owned Sugar Plantation, where the Hawaiian Temple is now located. In Ogden he served on the Sunday School Board in Mt. Ogden Stake; later he was a member of the High Council in Denver, Colorado. While residing in San Francisco for the past two years he has served on the High Council.

President Barton is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. His wife is the former Anne Richards, also of Salt Lake City. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters: James R., now studying for his Masters Degree in Hydraulic Engineering at the University of Iowa, Willard B., a student at University of New Mexico, Joseph H., a student at San Francisco Junior College; Miss Sally Barton of Albuquerque, and Mrs. Edward B. Erikson of Murray, Utah.

President Barton, being in government service, has been able to live in many different cities. His life rule is to let the Lord's work come first; his success as a father, business man and church worker proves the efficiency of this rule.

Serge Lauper, First Counselor, is a native of Lehi, Utah. In 1923 he moved to Los Angeles, California; whence he served a mission in the Southern States. Soon after his return he married Miss Jean Gordon, a native of Canada. With the exception of two years spent in Oregon, they have resided in the Bay Area since. They are the parents of four daughters, Georgia, Claudia, Paulie and Bonnie.

President Lauper was formerly Bishop of Dimond and of Sunset Wards and served later in the Stake Presidency with former President Claude B. Peterson.

He has been associated with the Chas. P. Hadley Company as salesman for a number of years, and is a great lover of good books, especially historical and biographical literature.

Thiel Collett spent his early youth on a ranch near Cokeville, Wyoming, later attending L. D. S. High School in Salt Lake City. He played professional basketball for awhile following his graduation from the University.

In 1932, with something less than \$1000.00 in his pocket and the special courage of an inveterate wanderer, he boarded a Japanese boat in San Francisco and worked his way to Hawaii. From there through 27 countries he practically hitch-hiked his way around the globe in 13 months.

On his return he met and married Miss Pearl Dover of Salt Lake City. In Bakersfield, where they

"Little Things Change Our Lives"

"Little things change the course of our lives, and may lead us either upward and onward with the Church, or in some other direction," remarked Serge J. Lauper, at our Stake Conference June 30. Elder Lauper was once the Bishop of Dimond Ward, and is now first counsellor in the San Francisco Stake.

"I am glad to see many old friends here keeping on as beforetime." The life of Mary Fielding Smith, the humble widow, was compared with the then showier life of Sam Brannon to point the moral of steadfastness in the Truth.

Referring to taking public relief unworthily, President Lauper referred to one man's improper though seemingly plausible, remark: "I have as much right to take it as any one. I have been a long-time taxpayer, and am therefore, well-entitled to it."



Pittsburg Ward News

Celebrating the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers in Salt Lake Valley the Pittsburg Mormons will stage a miniature trek "across the plains of Contra Costa County." Old-time wagons will be used and at the conclusion of the journey there will be a picnic, the food corresponding to that used by the pioneers. July 24th will of course be the date.

In Pittsburg the apricots are on. There is work to do but there is fun in it, too. Trees around Brentwood are ringing with the sound of Mormon songs and the knives are flying in the apricot cutting sheds. With people showing up from other Wards the work is progressing rapidly.

The home of George and Colleen Lemon was the scene of a combination Junior and Senior Fireside meeting held on July 7th, with general discussion of prayer. Bishop Kirby was a special guest at this very successful gathering.

The Pittsburg Ward Relief Society is looking forward to July 25 when they will go to Oakland and work in the welfare house all day. They will take with them their completed welfare assessment of clothing which is one of the first assignments completed in the Stake.

E. Richmond Ward News

Bishop and Sister Mortenson are in their new home. The address is 2415 Wendell Avenue, Richmond. Phone Richmond 5354-J.

The Men and Gleaner Girls are giving a Dinner and Theater Party in honor of Brother and Sister Blaine K. Haddock who have been constant backers of the Fireside group, always having their home and hearts open to welcome everyone.

The Scouts of Troop 131 have an interesting deep sea fishing trip planned. Every active scout must pass a test before qualifying to go.

The Camp Wolfboro list now includes Elwin Lane, Dean Madson, Charles Stanger, Jay Aikens, and Firsteen Lane. Two weeks in their high Sierras camp will be enjoyed by these Ward boys.

Jay Aikens will be in charge of the Deacons during the absence of the Quorum President, Herbert Layton, who is spending the summer in Utah.

Our assistant Ward Clerk, Freddie Layton, and family, are joining the ranks of the fortunate vacationers—the Knowltons, Larsons, Dewsnups, Horns and Genglers. The latter two families had the privilege of visiting several of the temples.

We are happy to welcome back Wallace Anderson and his wife. They are at home at 400-28th St., Richmond. Brother Anderson was a former member of our Bishopric.

first resided, Brother Collett was Superintendent of the Sunday School and served in the Branch Presidency. Later while living in Marysville, California, he was in the Bishopric.

President Collett is Training Supervisor for the Union Oil Company and has lived in San Francisco for the past two and a half years. The Collett's have four small children, Douglas, Sharron Lee, Paul and Brent.

Richmond Ward News

Under the supervision of Judson H. Stoddard of the Bishopric, the L. D. S. Boys and Girls of Richmond Ward enjoyed a trip through Golden Gate Park, June 22. A picnic lunch was served. Watch for a future excursion sponsored by this group and plan to attend.

Two fine talks were given on Sunday, June 23. Wallace Wightman spoke on the subject "Holy Ghost" and Burtis Case on "The History of the Bible."

Lucy Morley, our Bishop's wife, has been in Grantsville for some time caring for her mother who is ill.

Yosemite Park is attracting many visitors these days. Leonard Harris and his family and mother and father recently spent a week there, and those vacationing there the weekend of July 4th included Bob Stower, Joe Calapp, Kenneth Calapp and Del Carman and their families.

The Earl Labrums are spending a month in Utah.

Three sisters of Aline Wightman have arrived in the Bay Area from Idaho Falls. Two of the girls are at the Mission Home in San Francisco and the other will remain with the Wightmans for some time. Brother Wightman's parents from Payson, Utah are also guests at the Wightman home. Brother Wightman, Senior, is a Stake President.

The Primary Presidency were hostesses at a baby shower in honor of Aline Wightman.

Martinez Ward News

Jack Roskelly has returned from New York with his lovely new war bride, Hilda, an English girl, whom he married in England while in the service. Jack went to New York to meet Hilda, but was in a hospital with an appendectomy when she arrived. They report a pleasant trip home. However, Hilda is going to take a little time before she can feel it's an equal trade, English summer weather for Concord in July.

Roy Evenson has moved to Houston, Texas for business reasons. Bishop McIntire has moved to a new home on Arlington Way.

Jeanne Sant is visiting friends in Salt Lake City.

Bishop and Mrs. Knowles are visiting in Texas. Glenona Robison is in Idaho for a vacation visit.

Lois Dahlin was married to Wesley Walton of San Jose May 26 by Wesley's brother, Bishop Walton of San Jose. A June wedding was that of Beverly Wadsworth to Jack Little. The ceremony was performed by Bishop McIntire.

On July 23 Martinez will enjoy a Ward picnic to celebrate Utah Pioneer Day (July 24). The festivities will be held at Pecheco Park, beginning at 4 p. m., under the sponsorship of the M. I. A. Picnic dinner is announced for 6:00; melone being furnished free to all.

Pat Easton and Glenona Robison are acting as assistant reporters to Jack Roskelly for Messenger news, and are responsible for the items above. Thank you, Pat and Glenona.

Southland News

Slain By A Name

Alma "Ned" Redding, the genial editor of the LDS Intermountain News of the Southland, who recently ran for the office of County Supervisor there, comes up after the returns are all in and counted with this good natured gem:

"Woops . . . Did anybody notice that we just ran for a political office and placed third in virtually a three-man race? Well, we are far from unhappy about the whole thing for we know that every vote we got was a "personal" vote . . . no indiscriminate X's were placed in the square after "Alma N. Redding," because the uninformed voter thought we were female, and it seems that nobody votes for the ladies (bless 'em), especially for an unknown gal named "Alma." So it was you, friends and readers, plus our neighbors and the several friends who launched us on this journey into politics who piled up the gratifying total of 7860 votes in a primary election."

Why Not Art Exhibits, Too?

From the Hollywood Ward Tower comes the apt suggestion, and query, "We wonder if the Stake could not put on an art exhibit once a year? It would give our artists a chance to be recognized; a chance to get mutually acquainted. We are strong on music and drama activity in the Church, but for some reason art has gone begging. There seems no end to the possibilities of awakening creative talent through the contributions of those who are actively developing along that line."

Finals in Speech Contests

The finals in the Southern California Inter-Stake B. Y. U. Speech Scholarship were held June 24, honors going to a girl, Pauline Kent, who was awarded a year's scholarship in the B. Y. U. Topic of the contest was "The Latter-Day Saint Contribution to Lasting Peace."

"The Triumph of Faith"

Hollywood Ward Choir presented the inspiring Cantata, The Tri-

umph of Faith," Sunday evening, June 23. Composed by Gladys Rich, the musical work tells the story of the miraculous appearance of the seagulls which devoured the crickets that were destroying the first crops of the pioneers.

A new Ward, La Brea Ward, was organized June 30. G. Lynn Hoggan is the new Bishop.

L. D. S. in Hollywood Bowl In 1947?

Mrs. Ruth Gealta suggests "A Magnificent pageant and chorus portraying the great Pioneer trek, and the entrance into Utah, with a prologue presenting the Restoration story to be presented in the Hollywood Bowl in the early part of July, 1947."

Dr. Henry Aldous Hixon, President of Weber College, arrived in Los Angeles last week to teach for a six-weeks term at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Biography researchers are being sought by Leo J. Muir for the projected volume, "Mormon Activities in Southern California."

Six Stakes in or Near L. A.

There are six Stakes in Southern California around or in Los Angeles. They are Inglewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Fernando, and South Los Angeles Stakes. Their Presidents are, in order above, Alfred E. Rohmer, Virgil H. Sponberg, Wilford E. Edling, Wm. A. Pettet, David H. Cannon, and John M. Iverson.

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Sacramento Stake News

By Ruth Ostegar

Greetings From Sacramento Stake

A lot has been purchased on 34th St., between 4th and 5th Avenues, in the Oak Park District, for the building of a Stake Welfare House and Cannery. Due to the good work of the Priesthood Quorums of the various Wards, 15,000 cement blocks have been made preparatory to starting the building.

Hurrah for July 24!

The members of the Sacramento Stake are celebrating Pioneer Day on the evening of July 24, at McKinly Park. Between the hours of 6 and 7 p. m. there will be swimming and a ball game, with a special program of events for the children which will be under the direction of the Primary Association. The hours from 7 to 8 p. m. will be given to family group picnics. Community singing will occupy the crowd directly thereafter, to be followed by a dance at the Clunie Club House.

The Sacramento, Homestead and Arcade Wards have each purchased a lot upon which they expect to build new chapels as soon as conditions permit.

Away They Go to Norway

The many friends of Axel and Hilda Larsen, former residents of Oakland Stake, who now reside in the Sutter Ward, will be glad to learn that they are leaving this month for Salt Lake City from whence they hope to go to Norway, the place of their birth. Axel sends love to all his East Bay friends.

Elmhurst Ward News

Remaining activities for the month of July:

July 20, Saturday, 2:00 p.m.—Five Ward Pioneer Day Party, Arroyo Viejo Park.

July 23, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.—Watermelon Bust at Arroyo Viejo, Maxwell Park Ward, host.

July 30, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.—Swimming Party, Elmhurst Ward, host.

The M.I.A. invites all young people of the Stake to these events.

The attendance of our fireside group is excellent. A new series of studies will be based on the book "Preparation for Marriage", supplemented by various speakers. A welcome is extended to all of our friends of the Stake, interestd in this vital subject.

A very fine work is being accomplished by our Ward Stake Missionaries.

The Bishopric invited the District President, Herbert J. Marsh, and the missionaries of that district to present the Sunday evening program on July 7th. Several fine talks and strong testimonies were given.

Our Relief Society is continuing Work Day activities. As an added interest on Tuesday, July 9th, one of the local bread companies presented a demonstration on fancy sandwich making.

Our Boy Scout Troop is carrying through a very active program with special summer camp outings and other group events. We are fortunate to have fine leaders.

W. C. Owens and family recently returned from a six weeks' trip by automobile to Lisbonr Iowa, to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Bro. Owen's mother, and also the seventieth wedding anniversary of his parents. "W. C." is the youngest of nine children who attended the reunion with their families. The Owens also traveled to Rochester, N.Y., and were accompanied upon return trip by their daughter, Helen, and her husband, Dick Reeves.

POOR GARBAGE CAN!

"Beginning now, let's starve our garbage can."—Chester Davis.

IS IT THE SAME WITH YOU?

"It isn't because Mr. Truman isn't religious. It's just that he feels that his presence at Church disrupts the services."—Military Aid to the President.

Hayward Ward News

Hayward Ward will lose one of its most faithful and sincere workers when Verdi Stark and his family move in July to a warmer climate for Brother Stark's health. The Ward wishes him and his family peace and contentment in the new location and thanks them for the devotion of time and talent while living here.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET OUR BISHOP:

This is Wilfred T. Webb, known as "Mike", to his myriad friends and acquaintances. Tall, blonde and endowed with a freshness of spirit, he makes friends easily with his engaging smile and cheerful disposition. He is ambitious and sincere, a hard worker with an amazing capacity for accomplishment. PERSONALITY TRAIT: Peacemaker. Married, wife's name: Leona; two children: son, Daryle, in high school; daughter, Carol Ann, pre-school age. Bishop Webb has spent his youth and manhood working in the Church, most of the time in and for the Hayward Ward.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET: Bishop's First Counselor:

Calton C. Kammerman, tall, handsome, energetic, a born leader. Good speaker, well read. Devoted to his position and calling. Enjoys playing pranks. Spent his mission in Holland, home of his ancestors. PERSONALITY TRAIT: Go-getter. Married to the girl he first met while dancing a Gold and Green exhibition dance. WIFE'S NAME: Irene, nick-named "Pat"; Primary president. Five children, four boys, one girl, all under ten years of age.

Gridley Stake News

The Gridley Stake was assigned 600 No. two and a half cans of cherries, and we were sent 100 lbs. of sugar certificates. By stretching the sugar, 800 cans of Bing cherries were put up in one evening at the Gridley plant, and before the evening operation was over, it was a question at the cannery as to whether we had more cherries or helpers.

The Stake M. I. A. has a pleasing little plan for at least one Stake entertainment a month during the summer: June 4th Gridley and Liberty Wards were hosts to the Stake at the local high school campus to over 300 people. The program consisted of various games, including horseshoes, three ball games at a time under the lights, races, etc., all the food and ice cream the guests could eat, followed by a dance in the school gym.

July 4th Grass Valley and Yuba City Wards were hosts to the Stake with a like good crowd present, held at a large private estate in Nevada City: swimming, free lunch and ice cream, games and a dance in the evening in the mountain-side ballroom.

GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE

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As mentioned in the June Messenger under "Genealogical Exchange," will those who wish to ask for help on their names, please send those names and identifying data immediately for free listing in August Messenger. Address them to Minnie F. Ellsworth, No. 1 Kingsland Place, Oakland 2, Calif.

DICTIONARY OF CALIFORNIA NAMES

San Francisco means St. Francis; San Diego, St. James; San John; San Lorenzo, St. Lawrence; San Lucas, St. Luke; St. Mateo, St. Matthew; San Pedro, St. Peter; St. Miguel, St. Michael; Santa Cruz, Holy Cross; Santa Fe, Holy Faith; San Pablo, St. Paul.

CAN I STILL LEARN AT 70?

"I just want to find out if I can still learn," said Mrs. Arts, 70, of Carroll, Iowa, as she enrolled at College in three courses daily.

The Thrill of a Genealogist Addict

By Minnie F. Ellsworth

People of the past had their thrills as do people today. When Columbus and his crew, after weeks in a tiny ship, hardly as large as our ferryboats, saw land, what kind of a thrill did they get? Possibly a greater thrill than Lindberg's when he later flew over that same Atlantic alone.

No less elation comes to the genealogical worker who finds her thrill in history, geography, adventure, travel, mystery, worldwide. What a joy and thrill on finding new names or a proven ancestor.

Time, patience, perserverance! No jumping to conclusions; evidence, not just circumstantial data.

Rich man, poor man, beggar man or thief—which were your great-grandfathers? Genealogy is not as dry as dust, but an art, a science, a passion, a hobby, the most democratic of studies. Most of us are descended from kings—and surfs; jail-birds and rulers. Always it is fun to find out.

The Research is absorbing; it is history made vivid, the life of a "specific individual," not just "generalities."

Sometimes grim tragedies or gay comedies of love are buried in the scented lavender of the past. A Miss Johnston, sure of her Scotch descent, asked a genealogist to work on her line. Long search uncovered no connections with any "Scotch" Johnstons, but did reveal a Dutch family by name of Jansen. It finally developed "Miss Johnston" came from a Flemish family by name of "Van Den Bosch," a long ways from "Johnston." Her father, a testy old lawyer, protested: "I'm Scotch and Scotch I'll remain." After reading over the evidence he reluctantly admitted: "The case is proved."

Make yourself a human question mark! Ask leading questions, pick up and unwind the threads of death, births, marriages, journeys, romance, battles, heroic deeds, enterprise, and comedy.

"Arms" borne by our ancestors in battle, symbols of valor and leadership, will prove reminders of our heritage from the past, spurs to courage in our own difficult present, from men and women with the blood of Knights and Crusaders.

Maxwell Park News

Maxwell Park Ward mourns the passing of Thomas Booth, who died July 6th, following a four-day illness, due to a heart attack. Bro. Booth will be remembered as a very capable musician and outstanding leader. He was the first Choir Leader in Maxwell Park Ward. He also gave freely of his time and talents in other respects. The Sacrament set used by the Ward was made by him and presented to the Ward. He is survived by his widow, Jessie Wallace Booth, two sons, Raymond and Clarence, two daughters, Edith and Dot.

On Tuesday evening, June 27, the M. I. A. of Maxwell Park and Elmhurst Wards enjoyed a roller skating party at Rollerland on Telegraph Ave. Each individual wore a decorative badge of Green and Gold to identify himself with the group.

More parties are planned for the future.

The Gleaner Girls of the Ward are becoming very adept at ice skating, too.

The Primary is busy with an interesting program. Gertrude Wood and her associates report the plans for the summer activities are something no child should miss, so bring your children at 10:30 a. m. each Tuesday.

We are very proud to report that our Ward was active in the Welfare project of picking and canning apricots.

SCHOOLS COST TOO MUCH?

"The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance."—Banker.

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All L. D. S. in the East and West Bay Area are invited to register their employment needs over the telephone. This includes both employers and employees.

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This project is sponsored by the Liahona Club, an association of L. D. S. business men.

QUOTES

BIBLES GET DUSTY

"If all the neglected Bibles were dusted simultaneously, we would have a record dust storm, and the sun would go into eclipse for a whole week."—D. P. Nygren.

FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

"There is a lovely old prayer which Breton fishermen on the coast of France often utter: 'Oh, God, Thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small!'"—Dr. Willard Sperry.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS, REALLY

"Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling."—Margaret L Runbeck.

Bishop Ashton's Stories

If You Want to Take it Out When They're Old, You've Got to Put it in When They're Young

Bishop Ashton told the story of a boy from the big city visiting his cousin on the farm. He noticed that the farmer took a bucket of milk from the milk house into the barn for the young calf to drink while he milked the cow. Cogitating on this a bright idea came to the city boy and he exclaimed, "I see how you do it. If you want to take it out when they're old, you have to put it in while they are young."

This city boy may have been far from the truth about milk, but his saying surely applies to human nature. We have to remember that with our young people we have got to put the truth and good actions into them by long patient raining while they are young if we training while they are young if we traits when they grow up.

Too Bad We Can't Spank Grandparents

Often the spoiled High Chair is due either to the parents or to the grandparents. But the trouble is that you can't spank the ones who need he spanking, the grandparents.

What If People Do Say That You Are "Too Practical"

Don't worry if people say the Latter-Day Saints are "too practical" in their religion. This life is really part of eternity. Let's just remember the slogan given us by Brother Don Alphin, "Let's you and I be good, and never mind what others say." That's not too practical, is it?

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Alameda Ward News

Bee Hive Girls of Alameda Ward under the supervision of Gertrude Herrmann, enjoyed an overnight encampment July 13th. Demonstration in camp cooking was under the direction of Scout leader Charles Gustavson. Fourteen girls earned at least one Honor Badge each during the outing.

A reunion of friends from Alameda and the Naval Air Station was held in Salt Lake City, July 13th.

Ward teaching has been resumed again in Alameda Ward. Bishop Winkel states that not only are the families gratefully receiving the visitors but that the teachers are enthusiastically responding to their call.

Bishop Lauper of Diamond Ward was the guest speaker in Alameda on June 16th where he gave a most interesting and instructive discourse on "Temple Marriage."

On July 7th, Charles I. Gustavson named and blessed their new baby daughter, Rhea Ileen, the fourth daughter for the Gustavsons.

Bishop Thys Winkel returned to his home July 8th from a cattle ranch in the high Sierras. His son Val is expected home later in the month. Tommy Winkel spent two weeks touring Utah with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Winkel.

Pat Harrigan, who has been attending school at U.C.L.A. in Southern California, is home for the summer. She was hostess to the Fireside Group on July 7th.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne McKinley were delighted to learn that the newly wedded couple have returned to Alameda to make their home. They were married June 4th in the Idaho Falls Temple. Mrs. McKinley is the former Maurine Christensen, a counselor in the Y. W. MIA.

Mrs. Atwell Perry (nee Elaine Hughes), left June 22nd to join her husband in Idaho where they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. Mr. Perry has been released from the U. S. Navy. Following a honeymoon in the Utah Canyons, they plan to make their home in Idaho. They were entertained while in Utah by Mr. and Mrs. Martel Pedersen, also well known in the Oakland Stake.

Recent vacationers are the Ralph Lanes in Yosemite, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jensen and sons Lowell and Roland in Utah, the Henry Seavers in Yellowstone, and Johanna and Evelyn Hermann in Salt Lake City.

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After five years patient search for a site suitable for an L. D. S. Institute of Religion in Berkeley, a search which took Ken Thomas, Chairman of a Stake committee, miles of journeying up and down the avenues and streets adjacent to the Campus, the problem which had so long defied solution was practically solved one day this spring when a friendly neighbor casually called over to Ken and asked why the Church didn't buy his mansion and gardens for Church use.

The site, the former Phebe Heart home at 2368 LaConte St., Berkeley, was declared by Dr. Frank West, Church Commissioner of Education, who flew to Berkeley after a telephone conversation, as possessing the necessary space and facilities for conversion into a lovely and dignified home of the Church's 14th Institute of Religion. Located one half block from a north entrance to the University and five minutes from the great University library, and furnished in the grand manner, the three-story mansion with its elegantly landscaped grounds and its two largest rooms 20 by 30 feet in size and others in proportion, has won the admiration of all the Stake authorities who have been through it. Needless to say, the officers and members of the Desert Club, the L. D. S. student organization on the Campus, are delighted beyond measure. For them this Institute has been the chief objective of an intensive campaign centering in the office of Doctor West since the last term of school began. For them it means fraternity, recreation, and inspiration—a "home" base, a center of activities, a place of peace, and counsel and study.

Thanks for such a Church!

The Church already maintains 13 similar institutes near universities and colleges in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Arizona, besides one in Los Angeles. At these Institutes the Church places a trained and well seasoned leader with

academic qualifications equal to an associate professor in a University. Courses in Bible and Church History and Doctrine and related instructions are made available to the L. D. S. students in their spare hours. Proper Sunday sessions of worship and discussion are conducted, and withal a program of social and recreational activities is made attractive and developmental to the students and their associates.

A picture of the Phebe Hearst Mansion, the new home of this Church Institute, Oakland Stake's newest addition to the ever growing number of church structures in the East Bay region, appeared in the June 30 issue of the Church News. Whatever the growth of the Institute may be in the number of enrolled students at the great University of California that growth can be easily met by new structures, to expand the facilities of the Institute, erected later upon the large landscaped grounds.

The name of the director of the Institute will soon be announced from the office of Dr. Frank West, and plans are in the making there for a fall term opening of this newest addition to a noble effort of the church to meet the needs of its young college members.

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